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Tom,

Your class was awesome! I enjoyed it very much. I learned so much from this class and will use it for the future in my profession. It was truly a pleasure to have you as a prof.

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Great class! I loved this course! Every single course at MSU should be like this. Material was fun and interesting. It was about learning an appropriate amount of material instead of cramming (not learning) dozens of lecture notes. Thank you for an amazing class!!

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This was one of the best classes I've had yet. It was interesting, stimulating and a real enjoyment. I would recommend it to anyone in the future.

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I found this course to be one of my favorite course at MSU, and I have take a lot. I thought the material we covered was interesting and it was refreshing to see what's going on now as a way of learning the topics. The discussion sections really helped to push this, giving us a chance to look more deeply at a topic and think on it harder, and build on what other students took from it.

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Great course. Not at all fun.
Discussion is ABSOLUTELY necessary. Anyone in science should learn and be exposed to that type of critical review. It's essential for the class. I think essential as a graduation assignment. Dr. Getty is an awesome prof. He teaches exactly how he needs to teach to get me thinking.

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This class was great! It took the basic knowledge in Zol 313 (Animal Behavior) and applied it to his studies. It puts things into perspective when you know how it's used in real life. A big contributor to understanding this was the discussion section. Without it and his TA (second room), this information would not be crammed home like it needs to be.

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Professor Getty, I really enjoyed your enthusiasm & topics with examples. I learned quite a bit this semester! I believe that this course would not have taught nearly as much if I would have had a much poorer understanding if there were to be no discussion section & T.A. I think both of these a key to the class' teaching ability.

Thanks! ☺

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This was the best class I took this semester. It reminded me of why I'm interested in animal behavior. I wish there was another class like this one. Prof. Getty is very entertaining and knowledgeable. I learned a lot and strengthened my background.

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This was one of my favorite classes in my whole undergraduate. Dr. Pretty was extremely enthusiastic and did an excellent job conveying concepts in interesting examples. I loved having the theories related to humans. It made the material super interesting.

I think the discussion really added a lot to the class content and was a great way to hear other viewpoints and ideas.

Great class!!

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Great class, learned a lot. Discussions were very beneficial to me. Improved my ability to read, and discuss articles and think critically about them.

Thank you!

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I loved this course! Prof. Betty was a very interesting, fun lecturer who made it a great learning experience and a very enjoyable course. I especially liked the discussion aspect of the course where we read current literature, responded to it and discussed it. This has helped me to become better at reading and analyzing scientific papers. And it really added to the class with the array of topics we were able to cover that nicely augmented the lecture material.

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Excellent course; very exciting and interesting (relevant) material! The discussion portion of this course was invaluable - it really helped to flesh out key concepts and test ideas. I also gained a lot from having to read and analyze scientific journal articles for discussion; an integral part of the course!

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Keep this course!
Awesome course!
Awesome Professor!
Awesome TA!
Awesome Material

All Animal behavior majors need this course!

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One of the few classes I really enjoyed. I like that it is more laid back and concerned more that we learn something instead of all about grades.

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This course was awesome. Assignments were very related to what we were studying. The discussion & TA were a crucial part to the understanding of the material.

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Thank you for an exciting and enjoyable class! The real strength of this course are the ability to cover the multifaceted nature of behavioral topics, rather than simplifying them to a list of bullet points. This is a good course for students who are willing to put in the work to draw their own conclusions.

That said, the complex nature of the presenting made them difficult to take notes on, and some clear examples would have helped connect the many examples in context.

The discussion sections were extremely helpful, and could be really fun if everyone participated. The readings were well-chosen and always interesting.

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